

SUBJECTS.

long run and he had also caused an estimate to be prepared. He requested that the Government might be pleased to consider the question favorably and sanction the railway, if at all possible. If, for any reasons, that was not practicable, the Member requested that the road from Alleppey to Arukuttty might be improved so that, with private capital, the people might endeavour to ply a motor car between the two places. He further prayed that the canal already sanctioned be soon constructed and also that the village road from Alleppey to Thanneermukkom be improved and made cartable. These latter improvements were, he said, absolutely necessary in the absence of the railway proposed by him.

The Member then said that, in reference to the petition which the merchants of Mukamba in Thanneermukkom had addressed the Government, he had received a telegram from them asking him to place before the Assembly the urgent necessity of deepening and improving the canal leading to the Mukamba market. The canal was constructed by the Government, but, owing to the absence of a sufficient depth of water, there was great difficulty in taking boats laden with articles of trade along the canal. He requested the early attention of the Government to the work.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

71. Improvement of the Poochakkal Canal.

Mr. Shaik Mahomed Hamidhani Thangal (Member, Nominated) said that the Poochakkal Canal, about 3 miles in length, connected the Vycome and Shertallai taluks. It was constructed at Government cost and was now covered up with sand and silt here and there for want of regular repair. As the canal was a great help to agriculture, trade and communication, and would specially benefit both the Vycome and Shertalai taluks, he requested that it might be improved at an early date.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

72. Improvement of certain canals and the construction of roads and bridges.

Mr. Rayiran Kesava Kymal (Member, Vycome Taluk) stated that the extensive areas of wet lands lying on the eastern side of the Vaikam Taluk and of the Vetchur Poverthy, on which the ryots raised *Virippu*, *Mundakan* and *Puncha* cultivation, were being damaged annually by the floods coming through the Muvattupuzha and Meenachil rivers and their tributaries. The canals, which had been cut for taking off the water to the backwaters, were not sufficiently broad and deep. The adjoining lands were in consequence invariably submerged in water during the rainy season and the ryots suffered much loss. He particularly mentioned the case of the Vellayil Thodu and the Anchumun Thodu